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DRAFT BIENNIAL PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE SECOND COMMITTEE  
FOR 1990-1991

Note by the Secretariat

The General Assembly, in resolution 39/217 of 18 December 1984, paragraph 5, requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Second Committee for consideration and approval each year a proposed biennial programme of work. The draft biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 1990-1991, which is annexed to the present document, has been prepared on the basis of existing legislative authority. It also takes into account the draft proposals on which the Second Committee has taken action. The draft proposals that are pending action by the Committee have been placed in square brackets. The information contained in the annex, including that on documentation, will be updated orally by the Secretariat when the draft biennial programme of work for 1990-1991 is considered by the Committee.

ANNEX

Draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee  
for 1990-1991 a/

(as at 14 December 1989)

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Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council b/

(a) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

Documentation Progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (resolution A/C.2/44/L.31/Rev.2) c/

(b) Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on preparatory arrangements for the Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa (General Assembly resolution 43/179 of 20 December 1988) c/

(c) Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (A/C.2/44/L.74) c/

(d) World Decade for Cultural Development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on views on the objectives and scope of the global review for the conduct of an evaluation at the mid-point of the World Decade for Cultural Development (A/C.2/44/L.59) c/

(e) International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the progress achieved during the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade (General Assembly resolution 40/171 of 17 December 1985)

(f) National entrepreneurship in economic development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on national entrepreneurship in economic development (Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/74 of 29 July 1988) c/

(g) Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on Israeli land and water policies and practices in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories (Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/86) of 26 July 1989 g/

(h) Assistance to the Palestinian people

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/96 of 26 July 1989 and General Assembly resolution A/C.2/44/L.25) g/

(i) Prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)

Documentation Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the implementation of the resolution on the prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) (A/C.2/44/L.34) g/

(j) United Nations Population Award

Documentation Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund (Economic and Social Council decision 1982/112 of 26 April 1982)

(k) Restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system

Documentation Draft resolution entitled "Implementation of section II of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system" (General Assembly decision 43/433 of 20 December 1988)

Item 2. Development and international economic co-operation

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on human resources development (resolution A/C.2/44/L.78)

[Draft resolution entitled "International conference on money and finance for development" (A/C.2/44/L.4)]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development on the implementation of the resolution on patterns of consumption and qualitative indicators of development (A/C.2/44/L.23/Rev.1)

[Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on the net transfer of resources from developing countries and its impact on their economic growth and development (A/C.2/44/L.12)]

[Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its special session (resolution A/C.2/44/L.63)]

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on large-scale pelagic driftnet fishing and its impact on the living marine resources of the world's oceans and seas (A/C.2/44/L.81)

[Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on the traffic of toxic and dangerous products and wastes (resolution A/C.2/44/L.43/Rev.1, part I)]

[Report of the Secretary-General on international co-operation in the field of the environment (resolution A/C.2/44/L.63)]

(a) Preparation of a new international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade (1991-2000)

Documentation Report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole (General Assembly resolution 43/182 of 20 December 1988)

(b) Trade and development

Documentation Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964) c/

Report of the Second United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices (General Assembly resolution 41/167 of 5 December 1986)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on specific measures in favour of island developing countries (General Assembly resolution 43/189 of 20 December 1988)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the international code of conduct on the transfer of technology (resolution A/C.2/44/L.50)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on trade embargo against Nicaragua (A/C.2/44/L.51)

[Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on world commodity trends and prospects (A/C.2/44/L.52)]

[Draft resolution entitled "Protectionism and structural adjustment" (A/C.2/44/L.5)]

[Draft resolution entitled "Commodities" (A/C.2/44/L.5)]

(c) Review and appraisal of the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries

Documentation Report of the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (General Assembly resolutions 40/205 of 17 December 1985 and 42/177 of 11 December 1987 and A/C.2/44/L.54)

(d) Food problems

Documentation Report of the World Food Council c/

Report of the Secretary-General on trends in the international market for agricultural and tropical products and the liberalization of international agricultural trade (Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/88 of 26 July 1989)

(e) New and renewable sources of energy

Documentation Report of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy (General Assembly resolution 37/250 of 21 December 1982) c/

(f) Development of the energy resources of developing countries

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the development of the energy resources of developing countries (General Assembly resolution 43/193 of 20 December 1988) c/

[Item 3. United Nations Conference on Environment and Development]

[Report of the Preparatory Committee of the Whole for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, 1992 (resolution A/C.2/44/L.55\*)]

[Report of the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development on the progress of the work of the Committee (A/C.2/44/L.58)]

[Draft decision entitled "United Nations conference on environment and development" (A/C.2/44/L.7)]

[Item Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind]

Documentation [Report of the Secretary-General on the progress achieved in the implementation of the resolution on the protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (A/C.2/44/L.40)]

[Item 5. Environmental protection of extraterritorial spaces for present and future generations]

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the progress achieved in the preparation of the study of environmental protection of extraterritorial spaces for present and future generations by the Group of Eminent Persons (resolution A/C.2/44/L.41)]

Item 6. International co-operation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries

Documentation Progress report of the Secretary-General on international co-operation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries (A/C.2/44/L.84)

[Item 7. External debt crisis and development]

Documentation [Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution entitled "Towards a durable solution to the external debt problems" (A/C.2/44/L.47/Rev.1)]

[Draft decision entitled "Establishment of an advisory commission on debt and development" (A/C.2/44/L.8)]

Item 8. Operational activities for development d/

(a) Operational activities of the United Nations system

- Documentation Report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on the operational activities of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolutions 35/81 of 5 December 1980, 41/171 of 5 December 1986 and [A/C.2/44/L.65]) c/
- Report of the Secretary-General on future arrangements for the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities (decision A/C.2/44/L.75) c/

(b) United Nations Development Programme

- Documentation Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme c/

(c) United Nations Population Fund

- Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme
- Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on future needs in the field of population, including the development of resource requirements for international population assistance (resolution A/C.2/44/L.79) c/

(d) United Nations Children's Fund

- Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

(e) World Food Programme

- Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Item 9. Training and research

(a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research

- Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/C.2/44/L.36)

(b) United Nations University

- Documentation Report of the Council of the United Nations University c/

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Item 10. Special economic and disaster relief assistance

(a) Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator (General Assembly resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 and Council resolution 1988/51 of 26 July 1988) c/

(b) Special programmes of economic assistance

Documentation Reports of the Secretary-General on individual countries and regions

Report of the Secretary-General presenting summary reports on countries with no separate individual reports in that year

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## Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council f/

## (a) World Decade for Cultural Development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the progress of the World Decade for Cultural Development for the period 1990-1991 (General Assembly resolution 41/187 of 8 December 1986 and A/C.2/44/L.59) g/

## (b) Role of the public sector

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries (General Assembly resolution 3335 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/92 of 9 July 1987) g/

## (c) Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1993-1994

Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

## Item 2. Development and international economic co-operation

## (a) Trade and development

Documentation Report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its eighth session (A/C.2/44/L.53/Rev.1)

Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964) g/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries (A/C.2/44/L.49)

[Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on progress in the implementation of specific action related to the particular needs and problems of land locked developing countries (A/C.2/44/L.42)]

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(b) Effective mobilization and integration of women in development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development (General Assembly resolution 42/178 of 11 December 1987) c/

(c) Economic and technical co-operation among developing countries

Documentation Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution 33/134 of 19 December 1978) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on economic and technical co-operation among developing countries (A/C.2/44/L.73)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on co-operation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference (A/C.2/44/L.56)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the decision on further strengthening and improving intergovernmental programming exercises for technical co-operation among developing countries (A/C.2/44/L.61)

(d) Environment

Documentation Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972 and A/C.2/44/L.60) c/

Note by the Secretary-General on international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment (General Assembly resolution 3436 (XXX) of 9 December 1975)

[Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the findings and conclusions of the regional commissions on the traffic in toxic and dangerous products and wastes (resolution A/C.2/44/L.43/Rev.1, part I)]

[Report of the Secretary-General on the control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and their disposal (A/C.2/44/L.43/Rev.1, part III)] c/

[Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 42/186 and 42/187 of 11 December 1987) (A/C.2/44/L.64)] c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on possible adverse effects of sea-level rise on islands and coastal areas, particularly low-lying coastal areas (A/C.2/44/L.38/Rev 1) c/

(e) Desertification and drought

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in countries stricken by desertification and drought in Africa (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/44/L.26 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/103 of 27 July 1989) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolutions on the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification (A/C.2/44/L.72\* A and B) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region (General Assembly resolutions 3054 (XXVIII) of 17 October 1973 and 40/209 of 17 December 1985) c/

(f) Human settlements

Documentation Report of the Commission on Human Settlements, including the report of the Commission on the implementation of the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000 (General Assembly resolutions 32/162 of 19 December 1977, 43/180, 43/181 of 20 December 1988 and Council resolution 1978/1 of 12 January 1978) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories (A/C.2/44/L.24/Rev.2) c/

(g) Science and technology for development

Documentation Report of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development (General Assembly resolutions 34/218 of 19 December 1979 and 39/217 of 18 December 1984) c/

[Item 3. United Nations Conference on Environment and Development]

Documentation [Report of the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development on the progress of the work of the Committee (A/C.2/44/L.58)]

Item 4. International co-operation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on international co-operation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries (A/C.2/44/L.84)

Item 5. Operational activities for development

(a) Operational activities of the United Nations system

Documentation Report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on the operational activities of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolutions 41/171, A/C.2/44/L.45) [and A/C.2/44/L.65] c/

(b) United Nations Development Programme

Documentation Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme c/

(c) United Nations Capital Development Fund

Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

(d) United Nations technical co-operation activities

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations technical co-operation activities

Relevant chapter of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

(e) United Nations Volunteers programme

Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

Item 6. International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (A/C.2/44/L.31/Rev.2) c/

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### Notes

a/ The Second Committee will, in accordance with established practice and in pursuance of General Assembly decision 38/429, hold a general debate each year at the beginning of its work.

b/ The list of questions and documentation under this item is only indicative of requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Economic and Social Council completes its work in 1990.

c/ Report submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

d/ In accordance with draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.76, the General Assembly will observe, during its forty-fifth session, the fortieth anniversary of multilateral technical co-operation for development within the United Nations system, and United Nations Day in 1990, Wednesday, 24 October, will be the day for the commemoration of this anniversary.

e/ The programme of work and documentation list for 1991 will be updated in 1990, taking into account the relevant decisions of the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session.

f/ The list of questions and documentation under this item is only indicative of requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Council completes its work in 1991. Under this item the Second Committee will also have before it the report of the World Food Council. The Second Committee may wish to decide not to consider draft proposals on that report, except specific proposals requiring action by the General Assembly contained in the reports of the World Food Council or the Economic and Social Council.

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